MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it is not a waste of the public fund when a maintenance allotment is provided for a road that has been left closed for cart traffic since 1101?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, only wheeled traffic is closed.

Trivandrum Panchayat Court.

222. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many sittings were there in the Trivandrum Panchayat Court;

(i) during the last six months up to 10-3-1112;
(ii) during Chingam and Kanni 1111;
(iii) during Chingam and Kanni 1112; and

(*b*) how many times the Judges had to return for want of quorum?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (i) 63.
(ii) 21.
(iii) 13.

(*b*) 38 times during the last six months up to the 10th Tulam 1112.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know the reason why there were only 13 sittings this year while there were 21 sittings in the corresponding month of last year?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe many times the Judges could not meet for want of quorum.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether it was after the bifurcation that the Judges had to return 38 times?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): When did that bifurcation take place?

PRESIDENT: Please repeat the question in a louder voice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): When did that bifurcation take place?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not remember the exact date. I believe it took place some time towards the end of last year.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government enquired into the circumstances which led to the Judges' return so many times for want of quorum?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not yet.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is there not a rule insisting on the presence of the judges for a prescribed number of consecutive sittings of the court?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any such rule.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Do they not forfeit their seats if they continuously absent themselves?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the matter is reported to Government the Judges may be removed by Government if they are convinced that they absented themselves without sufficient reason.

Supply of drinking water to coastal pakuthies.

223. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by them to supply good drinking water to the inhabitants of the coastal *pakuthies* of the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) the number of wells sunk at Government cost in the above *pakuthies* during the last four years (1108-1111) and the amount allotted for each of these four years?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Sinking of protected sanitary wells according to the reports of the Director of Public Health or the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(*b*) A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the reports referred to in part (*a*) of the answer contained any recommendation for the supply of drinking water to other parts of the State?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reports relate to coastal regions only.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Coastal regions throughout the whole State?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any scheme for the supply of water to coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any such scheme now before the Government. I claim notice.

Superannuated officers retained in service.

224. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of superannuated officers retained in service with their respective pay, pension and designation?

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